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Jno. O Stevenson
Galveston Texas
Dear Sir:

In answer to yours of 19th Received today I send copy of Sinclair's letter. It is probably doubtful whether we had better go to Expense of a law-suit unless the Expense of it can be met by subscriptions of our friends in Galveston — Nothing is gained by Religious or Benevolent Associations entering into law-suits & quarrells — We can resume charge of our house at Expiration of the year — if the Contract by Sinclair will not secure to us immediate and peaceable possession. But meanwhile please make certain that every colored man in Galveston understands about the underhanded and dishonest way in which those officials have conducted. They were to keep in repair & pay $70 per month rent I believe — Mims Nichols & Kean can have good schools in Grimes County & you almost anywhere — They have asked me to send a lot to Grimes through Mr Washburn our teacher at Brenham and

Cannot send any more owing to appearance of yellow fever in Vicksburg, Jackson & New Orleans — I sent her pay to Mrs Nichols. Enclosed you $30. Do you the Certain your place as Clerk — Yours ever
O H Stevenson